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CTA CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

1863
2013

CTA won a legal victory in **1927** when the state Supreme Court ruled that a school board cannot fire a female teacher simply because she got married.

HDTA Chapter Election Results

Election results for chapter officers for 2013-2014 are as follows:

President: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6; Legal Ballots Cast: 447; Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Brian Breslin: 394**

1st Vice President: Total Ballots Cast: 453 Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6 Legal Ballots Cast: 447 Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Jayme Allsman: 381**

2nd Vice President: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6; Legal Ballots Cast: 447; Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Wade Williams: 362**

Secretary: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6; Legal Ballots Cast: 447; Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Jenny Dermody: 381**

Treasurer: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6; Legal Ballots Cast: 447; Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Gary Schulman: 371**

Member at Large, Area 1: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6 Legal Ballots Cast: 447 Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Jennifer Rogers: 367**

Member at Large, Area 2: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6 Legal Ballots Cast: 447 Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Matt Hinze: 362**

Member at Large, Area 3: Total Ballots Cast: 453; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 6 Legal Ballots Cast: 447 Number of Votes Needed to Elect: 224 **Cassandra Perez: 376**

All site reps running unopposed are elected for 2013-2014.

Site Rep, Saugus H.S. (2 positions) Total Ballots Cast: 56; Blank and Illegal Ballots: 5; Number of Votes Needed to Elect: Plurality **Leonard Friedman: 51, Dianna Rose 42;** Joseph Stehle: 9.

Jayme's Membership Corner

Last month I shared that I am now back on line with my CTA membership website and it has been so much easier to update and manage all of our information. I once read that teachers are one of the most mobile groups of professionals and I truly believe that! Big thank yous go out to the folks who are already sending me their new home addresses and updated web addresses; it is a snap to click in and make the changes from my desk. Keep that information coming.

Are you looking for some fun summer reading? Let me encourage you to consider a rather valuable book: The HDTA Contract. I am discovering the more our members know, the stronger we are as a union. So, join Jayme's Book Club and read! Remember that if you have questions about any membership concerns, please feel free to email me at jallsman@hartdistrict.org

Until next time! Jayme

Link Category Title

CTA Instruction & Professional Development
A plethora of resources to assist teachers with classroom instruction.

Buchanan Introduces Bills to Protect Children
California Assembly Member Joan Buchanan introduces two bills in regards to training of school employees and teacher dismissal laws.

LA Times/USC Poll on Governor's Funding Formula
Governor Brown's funding proposal for public schools will fundamentally change how much money schools receive to educate their students.

NEA VP Speaks Out on Common Core Assessments
NEA Vice President, Lily Eskelsen speaks out on the use of Common Core Assessments and their impact on teachers

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CTA Recognizes Vanessa Perez with Human Rights Award

On March 2, 2013 at the CTA Equity and Human Rights Conference in Burlingame, Vanessa Perez (HA) was recognized for her work with the Hart High School Gay/Straight Alliance with the Nancy Bailey Leadership in Lesbian and Gay Rights Issues Human Rights Award. Vanessa was chosen amongst nominees from across the state. She was honored at the awards luncheon at the conference along with other Human Rights Awards recipients.

Teacher Grants from California Credit Union

California Credit Union is offering a teacher grant program. The CCU Teacher Grant is awarding 10 teacher grants for \$500.00 each. Eligibility Requirements: Must be an active full-time classroom teacher in Los Angeles County for the 2013-2014 school year. Application deadline is April 12, 2013. CCU's Teacher Grant applications are now available on the website: <http://www.californiacu.org/home/educators/teachergrant>

President's Message

I am trying something new this month with the newsletter: electronic distribution. This change is precipitated by several things, the need to get the newsletter out in a timely manner and still have our election results posted, the desire to create less landfill, and the opportunity to present links to different areas of content so members may click and be directed to websites and articles that are pertinent and timely. As with all change, we will evaluate the effectiveness and adjust accordingly.

The one link I would like to highlight is that to the CTA Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) site. Many HDTA members have asked for more resources on Common Core and other instructional topics and the CTA IPD site is a tremendous resource. Any CTA member may register to use the site. All you will need is a non-school district email address. Once you register you will receive an email from CTA (usually within 24 hours) that your registration is approved and active. I encourage you to take a look at the site to see what CTA has to offer in the world of professional development.

As we have just completed chapter elections, I would like to thank all of our members who took the time to participate in our own democratic process. We had 453 HDTA members cast ballots this month, an over 50% increase from the previous election. While I realize most of our elections were uncontested, it is important for us to use the opportunity to show our strength and involvement with the union. When members vote on union issues it demonstrates to those looking at us that we are united and engaged. Please continue to become involved in our union.

I would like to comment on an event that took place on March 22. Through collaboration with the district, HDTA sponsored the attendance of 25 members and two administrators at CTA-run Common Core training. All of us spent the day at the LAX Marriott in several sessions learning about the impact of Common Core on education professionals. We learned that we are in a better position than many school districts when it comes to Common Core and that we also have more to do. It was an exciting opportunity to have administrators hear about Common Core from the union perspective

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful Spring Break.

United,

Brian Breslin

